

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Commencing: 3rd October 2016

KEY MESSAGES

- Please remind your child that fizzy or energy drinks are not permitted in school.

YEAR 7

Students have been working on descriptive writing in English this week and it was pleasing to see a fantastic level of focus and engagement in those lessons.

During assembly, students have been asked to reflect on how they use social media and electronic devices and the importance of supporting our anti-bullying campaign - becoming an anti-bullying ambassador is a great role to take on.

Please ensure you have received the letter regarding changes to languages lessons. We look forward to seeing you on Parents' Evening on either 12 or 20 October.



YEAR 8

We are working on developing the theme 'Commitment' in our students this half term. The Junior Boys emphatically displayed this by winning the Cross Country Championship and are through to the Regional Final in Leeds.

Online safety and safeguarding was the focus of this week's assembly. In addition to this, students were made aware of the support systems that are available in school. Please discuss this with your child and check the E-safety tab on the school website for further details.

Finally, just a reminder that you will receive a copy of the first Year 8 report after half term. Staff at Toot Hill School will be completing a score for attitude in lessons and high quality homework being completed on time. An example of this is Luke Newton, pictured on the right, displaying his Dystopia homework for English.



YEAR 9

In lessons this week, pupils are beginning to explore topics in real depth. In Business Studies, Daniel McFerran and Charlie McPherson were reflecting on issues that are not normally covered until Year 13 - very impressive stuff!

Pupils are regularly attending study support and the additional Maths sessions which are now available after school.

On the sporting field, the Year 9 girls were in action securing a 5-0 victory along with the boys who won 6-1 in their football match.

Year 9 have a whole day PSHE event coming up: 9A1-B3 on 14 October and 9C1-D3 on 21 October. A letter, with a reply slip, providing further details will be sent out to each student.



YEAR 10

The exciting start of the DofE Award is growing closer. Wednesday was the deadline for students to apply to participate this year with a total of 123 applications for 60 spaces. Mr Mercer will shortly be in contact with the successful applications.

Last week school Governor, Tricia Pedlar visited the Year group. We were so proud to be able to introduce Tricia to so many of our students; some of the points spontaneously raised by a Philosophy & Ethics group showed an impressive depth of understanding.

Next week the School Nurse will be speaking to the year group to raise awareness of common medical issues and the support that this service can offer.



YEAR 11

This week's assembly was on E-Safety covering cyber bullying, safe practice on social media and how to report to Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP). Guidance and support for parents and pupils is available at <https://www.ceop.police.uk/ceop-report/> as well as the schools E-safety page on the website.

On Thursday four of our Prefects visited Orston Primary School to meet with four of their Prefects

In tutor set, students are focusing on writing their revision plans in preparation for their mock exams which begin on 14 November. They are reflecting on how best to commit their time. Please speak to your child about their time management so they work hard but keep a healthy balance in their lives.

